MR. M. N. PILLAI:

201. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 5·06 lakhs under Demand XI by Rs. 100

THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI:

202. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 5·06 lakhs under Demand XI by Rs. 100.

PRESIDENT: The time allotted for this Demand being over, I put the demand to the vote of the Council.

The demand for Rs. 5·06 lakhs *minus* Rs. 2,880 under Demand XI—Police, was then put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XII—EDUCATION.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 33.67 lakhs under Demand XII—Education.

Motion 203

The following motion was not made:

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*):

203. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,600 for travelling allowances by Rs. 100.

Motion 204.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Sir, I beg to move:

204. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,138 under Direction by Rs. 100.

My object in making this motion is to enable the House to consider certain questions connected with the educational policy of the State. I happened to be present, Sir, at a meeting held in the College hall several years back, at which a speech was made by the then British Resident Mr. Carr, advocating the appointment of a Director of Public Instruction; and Sir P. Rajagopalachariar who was Dewan took up the idea in all seriousness and made the appointment. Dr. Mitchell, an eminent educationist, was the first Director. From that time we have had Directors. Three out of the four Directors have been men of Science, and one a man of letters. The establishment of a Philosophy chair has been advocated by the non-officials both in the Assembly and in the Council. I have been taking interest in the matter for the last ten or twelve years and the Government accepted my suggestion with regard to the re-establishment of the philosophy chair which was cruelly abolished at the time of Dr. Mitchell. The philosophy chair was always very popular in His Highness the Maha Raja's College. We have had eminent Professors in philosophy and there have been distinguished students who have shed lustre to the college and the country. Two or three names I may mention to the House. They are those of the late Mr. Thanu Pillai, Professor Sundaram Pillai and Mr. Muthukumaraswami Pillai. That popular chair which has gone with to these men

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should not have been abolished. The curious fact about it is that, in spite of the promises that Government have made that they would reconsider the question when the Vanchiyur School was opened and when the classes of the High School accommodated in the College were removed to the Vanchiyur School, when I asked a question in this Council, an attempt was made to modify the previous answer although there was sufficient committal in the previous answer, and it was explained that there was no committal. It is philosophy, Sir, that connects other departments of knowledge. It is philosophy that gives coherence to the vaunted knowledge of the scientists. Without philosophy everything else is incoherent. There will be no system without philosophy. In all civilised countries we find that philosophy is being taught with earnestness. The people of India have justly got a reputation for having taken interest in philosophy from time im memorial; and that such people should be asked not to learn philosophy is certainly a cruel decree of fate.

The Sanskrit Chair is another topic on which I should say a few words. We have heard so much about national regeneration. We have heard a good deal about spiritual ideas and we find that the great Indian poet Dr. Rabindranath Tagore is respected throughout the world, because he is the apostle of Indian culture.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): May I raise a point of order? The motion relates to a cut of Rs. 100 from the allotment for Direction. I doubt whether the philosophy chair, the Sanskrit chair and Dr. Rabindranath Tagore have anything to do with direction proper. The motion is not for reduction from the total allotment for education.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Velu Pillai is referring to all these as matters that should guide the Director of Public Instruction in regard to the policy to be adopted by him in the direction of the department.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I once again feel myself on *terra firma* in the light of the observations from the chair although the Law Member tried to shake me.

The great Indian poet is honored, I would once more say, as the apostle of Indian culture. Now, when it is recognised by everybody that all this is due to Sanskrit education and to the existence of monumental works in Sanskrit, that His Highness the Maha Raja's College at Trivandrum 'which is maintained by an illustrious dynasty of Indian rulers' should not have the good fortune to maintain a Sanskrit chair is a very sad commentary on the system of education that we are now having. The Physics Professor, the Chemistry Professor, the English Professor, the History Professor—all these people are given sufficient status. But take the case of Sanskrit. It is being taught for several years past by one who would be given only Rs. 250. Malayalam is also being taught by one who would not be given more than Rs. 250. Now I am not able to understand this stepmotherly attitude towards Indian

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culture, which it is the earnest endeavour of all educationists to foster; and if Travancore does not encourage Sanskrit literature, which is the Indian State that is going to do it?

The third topic is manual training and industrial education. It is for that specific purpose that the place of the Director of Public Instruction was created. At that time there was no other Director. There was neither the Director of Industries nor the Director of Agriculture. It was considered the legitimate function of the Director of Public Instruction to take steps for the industrial regeneration of the country. Now the Education Department professes to have only a subsidiary interest in industrial education. All the same, they appear to recognise the necessity for manual training. There is a costly instructor for manual training attached to the Model School and batches of men have been trained in manual training. But what is the result? The Director of Public Instruction will, I daresay, be able to enlighten the Council as to the success which has been accomplished by the students who were put into the way of manual training. Has he collected any statistics? Has he pursued any enquiry? When I went to the Training College in connection with the University Committee, logs of timber—rich timber, blackwood and teak—were being sawn down for the use of the Manual Training Instructor. When so much money is spent, we should certainly have a commensurate advantage and there is nothing like facts, nothing like figures, which would convince us. Therefore the Director of Public Instruction ought to tell us how many people have benefited by manual training and how far any of these students so trained have been able to earn an honest living by what they have learnt.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will Mr. Velu Pillai be kind enough to tell us whether he saw any of the furniture made by these manual training students?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I saw a lot of furniture there, but I do not know whether it was made by the manual training students. It is for the Director to say that. I have not investigated that question.

Then there is the question of the circuit work of the Director of Public Instruction.

PRESIDENT: May I draw your attention to the time?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): The Director has an Office Assistant. These are days of personal assistants. Although the gentleman is capable of doing very good work outside the doors of his office, he is retained in the office in order to give some kind of advice in executive matters to the Director of Public Instruction and he is also given the authority to dispose of routine matters. That must certainly enable the Director of Public Instruction to travel about the country. Travelling, in spite of all manner of facilities for travelling that we are now having, is slowly dwindling, so far as the Director of Public Instruction is concerned. Dr. Mitchell

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did some travelling work. Dr. Bishop did less. Mr. Hodgson did a little less still, and I fear the present Director has beat the past record. There is no good if the Director of Public Instruction remains in the office like a Secretary, in his office chair, dealing with heavy files alone. He must move about the country. He must understand the educational needs of the country. He must realise the particular direction in which reform is necessary. He must move, not in feet or in inches, but in miles of good reform. I do not know if that is being done. I am only speaking about the principle. I do not concern myself with the person of the Director of Public Instruction.

These matters require very close scrutiny. The amount of money Mr. Stephenson has asked for is more than the amount asked by a number of other departments put together. It is therefore incumbent upon the Director of Public Instruction to satisfy us that the best that could be done is being done by the Department and that we are getting adequate advantage for the money we expend on the department. The matter has been pressed upon the attention of Government on various occasions. If I remember correct, Mr. Carr himself put it in that meeting that the teacher must be taught and that the Inspector must be inspected. It is to see that this is done that a Director has been appointed. I wish the Director of Public Instruction and the Government will consider these matters carefully so that the people may be satisfied that their money is well spent. It is to draw the attention of Government to these questions that I brought this motion.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I have great pleasure in supporting Mr. Velu Pillai's motion. I was studying in the College during the time of the great Professors whom Mr. Velu Pillai was just alluding to.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): Louder, please.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I was studying in the College during the time of the great Professors whom Mr. Velu Pillai was just alluding to. Their names are even now household words. Philosophy is gradually dying out. These are the days for chemistry. Everybody is rushing to chemistry and physical science. I fear the absence of philosophy and the study of too much chemistry and physics is making us very materialistic. The spiritual side of our nature is not sufficiently developed. The material side alone is developed with the study of the subjects that I mentioned.

Mr. Velu Pillai also spoke about manual training. A gentleman was got down here for two or three years. Then he was given an extension and then further extension.

MR. JOHN MACKIE (*Planters*): Is Mr. Hoogewerf aware that a number of boys are instructed in manual training?

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : I am very much in favour of manual training myself. We want it. We want *charkas* and all sorts of work turned out by similar machines to be going on everywhere. We want the whole country to be full of cottage industries. I am one of the advocates of manual training. What Mr. Velu Pillai said was that Mr. Green has not sufficiently justified the high salary that he is drawing now. He also said that logs of blackwood and teak were being sawn and turned into furniture. I would like the Director of Public Instruction to show us the furniture turned out there. I am sure there must be tables, little chairs and things of that kind.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No furniture of any great value is being made there. Only small articles are made and they are given to the boys.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : I thought they would be preserved in the College. Are they taken home by the boys? That is a revelation to me.

MR. JOHN MACKIE (*Planters*) : May I know whether Mr. Hoogewerf was ever instructed in manual training?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : I was a good cricket player. (*Laughter.*) I did not exercise my hand in manual training.

MR. JOHN MACKIE (*Planters*) : Could he repair his bat then?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Yes, I could repair my bat. I know carpentry also in my own little way. But I was never trained under Mr. Green. The fact that the boys are walking away with the little furniture made with Sirkar timber in the College under supervision at Government cost is a revelation to me. (*Laughter.*)

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : All the articles are not made of timber. Some are made of card-board.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Is it Government card-board, or does it belong to the boys?

PRESIDENT : Sirkar card-board.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : That makes no difference. The material does not alter the case.

In regard to travelling, if the Director must justify his existence, he should travel about, as stated by Mr. Velu Pillai. Otherwise he becomes a sort of Secretary, an agency for transmitting papers from the High Schools and the Colleges to the Government. His principal work is to travel about and to see that the teachers really teach and the Inspectors really inspect the various schools and that we get our money's worth. That is the special work of the Director of Public Instruction. With these few words, I strongly support Mr. Velu Pillai's motion.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, it was impossible for me to anticipate from the wording of Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai's motion what subjects were to be discussed in connection with it and this House will not expect from me at short notice a deliberate and

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considered opinion on the many large questions which Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai has raised. I can only take them one by one and say what occurs to me at the moment. Mr. Velu Pillai referred to the fact that there were three Directors of Public Instruction and that two of them were men of Science and one was literary. As far as I know, he did not draw any inference from these facts.

The next item he dealt with was the establishment of the Philosophy Chair. I would not yield to Mr. Velu Pillai or to any member of this House in appreciation of the study of Philosophy. I should be quite pleased to see a Philosophy Chair in the Arts College, or in the Science College as Philosophy is now being studied more and more as a Science. Mr. Velu Pillai said that philosophy was a very popular subject, but my impression is that when the Philosophy Chair was taken away from the old College there were very few or no students.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): May I ask whether the philosophy students were getting the assistance in stipends which the mathematics students were getting at that time from the Government?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That I cannot say. I was not in the College when there was a Philosophy Chair.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether after the death of Professor Sundaram Pillai any Professor of Philosophy was appointed?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not know.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Is it not a fact that the classes were held in the tiffin shed?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That was far better than my experience. At college I did practical physics in a room where there were no facilities.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I suppose Mr. Stephenson has visited a good many laboratories after that.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have visited very good laboratories. The laboratory in the college in which I worked was completed and equipped before I left. Sir, there has now been a bifurcation. The Arts section has been sent to a new building and the question of instituting a Philosophy Chair can again be re-examined. I am not sure, however, whether there is a large demand for it.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Does not supply create demand?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sometimes. (*Laughter.*)

I agree almost entirely with what Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai said about the Sanskrit Chair.

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I was of the same opinion when I considered the matter as Principal of the College. For the College, however, we have not too much money to spare and the number of students studying languages has never been very large. It was therefore considered that, as before, the Sanskrit and Dravidian languages Departments should be combined under one Professor. Advertisements for such a Professor were published here and in Madras, and the applications were considered by me, by Mr. Hodgson and by the Government. As none of the applicants was quite suitable it was considered better to retain the present arrangement of a Lecturer in Dravidian Languages and a Lecturer in Sanskrit than appoint a Professor.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Are the lecturers doing their duties satisfactorily?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is a difficult question to answer off-hand. I do not think it can be answered satisfactorily.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Has the Director of Public Instruction ever communicated to Government that Sanskrit, Tamil and Malayalam are not efficiently taught in the College?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): That is because the Director of Public Instruction is satisfied that this is done well. Is it not?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think that inference could be drawn.

Sir, Mr. Velu Pillai's remarks on Manual Training call for a certain amount of consideration. They are based on an entirely wrong idea as to what Manual Training is and as to what it is supposed to do. There is nothing necessarily vocational about Manual Training. It is a subject which can be introduced into any ordinary school course with much the same aims and the same objects as any other school course.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Has not the Instructor of Manual Training published a book in which he has incorporated his directions for rattan and other works from a commercial standpoint?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Not from a commercial standpoint.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Did not the late Deputy Director, Mr. Ramaswami Aiyar, start certain schemes which combine Manual Training with vocational education? Are there not some G. O's on the subject?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There may be G. O's on the subject. But I do not remember any such scheme as is referred to by Mr. Velu Pillai.

Mr. Velu Pillai then asked about the results. The results are that everybody who undergoes Manual Training leaves school better educated than he would have been without such training. The

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mental development of the pupil is helped by Manual Training just as other subjects would help it. The object is not to train artisans but merely to supplement the ordinary school course.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Is Manual Training one of the subjects for the L. T. course ?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not know that, but Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar will be able to tell us. I do not think it is necessary for the examination. They all undergo Manual Training.

References were made about the amount of travelling done by the Director of Public Instruction. It was observed that it got less and less up to the point when it came to me and that afterwards it became practically *nil*. I should like very much to say that, when I took up the position of the Director of Public Instruction in Travancore, I had a very great deal to learn, and it appeared to me that I would at first learn more in the office than by visiting schools without any clear idea of what the rules and policy of the Department were.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Has not Mr. Stephenson been acting as Director of Public Instruction for about a year some time back ?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is true.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Has it not enabled him to go through the history of education ?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is not a question of history. One must also be acquainted with what is going on in the office—the current work. Every paper I had to deal with took me thrice the time which Mr. Hodgson took, as I had to go through all the files from the bottom.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not very necessary that the Director should know what is going on in the Colleges, High Schools and other institutions much more than what is taking place in the office ?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot go round and be in Trivandrum. I should do direction work from the office as well as travel.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Will not travelling shed much light on the office files ?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Exactly. If Mr. Velu Pillai will give me another year, that is, to the end of 1100, I think I shall be able to do as much travelling as he would wish.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): For my part, I am willing to give another year.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I did not hear the last portion.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am sorry, Sir, but I am afraid that I have forgotten what I said. That is all that I have to say and I hope that the House will reject the motion which Mr. Velu Pillai has moved.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): The answer that the Director of Public Instruction has made has satisfied me personally and it is for the House to say whether it is satisfied. Mr. Stephenson has conceded that there are defects and he has begun to tackle the question with the earnestness of a student and he is trying to do what lies in his power to make education more useful than it is now. As I feel satisfied that the promise is earnest and sincere I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motions 205 and 206.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

205. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 24,642 for Head clerks, Head Accountants, etc., by Rs. 1,205.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR:

206. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 24,642 for pay of 3 new clerks by Rs. 660.

Motion 207.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I beg to move the following motion:—

207. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,804 for travelling allowances by Rs. 100.

Sir, this is the motion to reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,804 by Rs. 100 which will commend itself to the House because it is a measure of justice, a measure of mercy and of self-respect. The Assistant Inspectors of Schools are given a very small travelling allowance which compares unfavourably with the travelling allowance given to other officers in the same cadre. Even the Overseer in the P. W. D. who is certainly a lower officer than the Assistant Inspector is able to get more by way of travelling allowance and the territorial limit of the Assistant Inspectors' jurisdiction is also extensive. I have seen Assistant Inspectors—responsible officers of the Education Department which is presided over by a gentleman who is jealous of the prestige of his Department—I have seen these people travelling along with the peons of other officers who are not more important than themselves, because they are not able to make both ends meet with the allowance given to them by the Government. In railways they cannot afford to pay second class fare. The P. W. D. and forest officers have got money enough to enable them to travel comfortably. They want to take their peons with them, when they travel. The servants travel in the third class and the Assistant Inspectors also travel in the third class. I have seen several Assistant Inspectors walking out the whole distance of 10 or 20 miles.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do they get only third class?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Tickets will be issued only when the money is paid.

PRESIDENT: He wants to know whether they get only third class fare.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): They get fixed T. A.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Is he aware that the Assistant Inspectors stationed on the Quilon-Shencottah line, etc., get the railway fare also, in addition to their T. A?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): It is for the Government to explain if it is not correct. I do not possess all the information on all the small matters about the Education Department. Whatever that be, I promise to be satisfied if convincing facts are placed before me. But that does not change my position. There is travelling to be done whether there are railways or not. An Inspector walking into the school after travelling 10 miles without food, with a peon who is the embodiment of poverty and whose travelling allowance per month is the glorious sum of one rupee, is pitable. I submit that is the position which we have to examine. Our boys and girls go to schools and those who sit in judgment over the teachers who teach them must not strike them as paupers who are unable to travel about in due convenience. So if a reasonable adjustment is made in the large sum that is being spent on the Education Department it will be a salutary measure and good results will ensue. It is from the experience of these men that I am making this motion, and I trust that the Council will see eye to eye with me in this important matter.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I find that Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai sent this motion not to reduce the travelling allowance but to increase it. I have information with me here as to what the travelling allowances of the various Inspectors are, and I shall give the House an idea as to how the allotment under travelling allowance is actually spent. The permanent travelling allowance of Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular and English schools comes to Rs. 8,376 out of the Rs. 12,804 to which the motion relates.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): How much does one officer get?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Two Assistant Inspectors of English Schools get permanent travelling allowance of Rs. 35 each per mensem. Nineteen Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools get Rs. 25 each, and two who have to travel, in Hilly Districts, Peermade and Devicolam, Rs. 37½ each.

PRESIDENT: What are their salaries?

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MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): One class of them get Rs. 70 to Rs. 120 and another Rs. 125 to Rs. 175.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How many days have they to be out on inspection work?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That question is now under consideration. As regards the Vernacular School Inspectors, the conclusion of the Chief Inspector is that as they have a definite amount of inspection work to do, it is not necessary to specify the number of days on which they should be on circuit. They have a certain number of schools to inspect and he thinks that it is better to fix the work and that it is not necessary to fix the number of days.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Will it not come to 20 days in the month?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I think it will come to 20 days in a month.

Then there are the clerks of the two Assistant Inspectors of English Schools who get a travelling allowance of Rs. 4 a month and their peons who, as pointed out by Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, get one rupee per month. Nineteen clerks with the Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular schools get Rs. 2 and their peons Re. 1. The clerks and peons in the hilly districts get Rs. 3 and Rs. 1½ each respectively.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): May I ask how many schools each of these Inspectors has to inspect in a month or in a year?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am not quite sure. It may be about 100 in a year.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How many times do they inspect a school in one year?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Each school is being inspected once.

PRESIDENT: They are not expected to jump from one school to another. They inspect the schools in the geographical order.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In regard to the other point mentioned, namely, that the Assistant Inspectors who travel by train are not allowed T. A., I may say that, in addition to their permanent T. A., they are allowed second class fare and their peons third class fare whenever they travel by train.

I should be pleased if Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai would make it possible to get money for increasing the travelling allowance of these people. There is a great deal of competition for the amount of money we have to spend. The matter has been well considered and it has not been found possible to increase their rates.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I am not quite in favour of increasing the travelling allowance from the figures given to us by the Director of Public Instruction. Certain officers as a rule make a

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little money from their travelling allowance. They are allowed double first class fares and they usually travel in the second class and in the night they even travel in the third class. (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Has Mr. Hoogewerf made any money out of his travelling allowance when he was in office? (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Very little, Sir. (*Laughter.*) I had to travel very far and I always spent my travelling allowance properly. Now they make it a means of making money. Mr. Stephenson said that the Assistant Inspector is given, besides his monthly amount, second class railway fare also. That is handsome, I should think.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There are only two Inspectors who get ordinary travelling allowance in addition to their permanent travelling allowance.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): The number of schools inspected is not very much on the average. It comes to only three schools.

PRESIDENT: Eight schools a month.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): In a country cart I think it is very comfortable to travel. If you spread some straw in a country cart, you can sleep comfortably over it. (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): What is the fare for a country cart for a distance of ten miles now?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I do not know that. It is pretty long since I retired. (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): May I know if he has not travelled at all after his retirement? (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Not in country carts. I travelled by *vallams* then, and now I travel by steam-boats. (*Laughter.*) The Director of Public Instruction is the proper gentleman to judge these problems. Just because some Inspectors were travelling along with the peons, to make that an argument to increase their travelling allowance is not correct. If they sat with the peons, it is their own fault.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Sir, Mr. Hoogewerf in this particular matter makes a distinction between the hardships of educated people and uneducated *kanis* (*laughter*) in the hills. Mr. Hoogewerf is not desirous that these Assistant Inspectors should be given some money which will enable them—

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Absolutely wrong statement. (*Laughter.*)

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MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I am arguing. (*Laughter.*) I am not misquoting him. That is the drift of his argument and that is the inference that I draw from it. The inference is that Mr. Hoogewerf is not anxious that the travelling allowance should be raised. Mr. Hoogewerf has been good enough to concede that Assistant Inspectors may travel in country carts.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I have no objection to their travelling on horseback if they can afford it. (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): They may go in motor cars and on aero-planes if they can afford. (*Laughter.*)

I am talking of the actual conditions here. Mr. Nidiry has got a considerable fund of experience in these matters and he tells me that for an ordinary country cart we will have to pay chs. 5 per mile. Now, if an Assistant Inspector wants to travel 10 miles to and back, he will have to give about Rs. 2.

PRESIDENT: He is expected to keep his own cart.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): It is impossible, Sir. There are places—it is a matter of positive knowledge—there are places like Kalluppara where we can neither go in a boat nor in a bandy. You will have to change the cart to a boat after you have travelled some distance. That seems to be the thing in many places. And keeping a cart now-a-days is impossible because an ordinary bundle of grass has to be paid four annas. I am rightly reminded now by my friend Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai that Mr. Hoogewerf's single cow is eating up all his pension. (*Loud and continued laughter.*)

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): If the cow ate all my pension, I would not stand here now.

PRESIDENT: What Mr. Velu Pillai says is that you said your cow was making serious inroads into your pension.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Considerable inroad. (*Laughter.*) If that be so, males will consume more food than females. (*Laughter.*) So bulls will consume more than cows. (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): May I inform Mr. Velu Pillai that it was a barren cow? (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Thus then an officer keeping his own cart with great difficulty will have also to pay very heavy fare, often more than the railway fare for a boat. Now taking all these into consideration I trust the House will be alive to the necessity to increase the allowance of these officers and peons. But I have no hope that the matter will be rectified in the present budget. But there is the comforting assurance of Mr. Stephenson. He adroitly, I would say, wisely, said that it might not be possible to do anything this year. That implies that he will do his best next year. I have placed these matters before the House and if the House

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is convinced of the necessity let us hope that the Assistant Inspectors and peons will get something more at least next year. Therefore I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 208.

The following motion was not moved :—

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI:

208. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,804 for travelling allowances by Rs. 100.

Motion 209.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Sir, I beg to move the following motion :—

209. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 67,755 under Inspectors by Rs. 100.

നാട്ടുഭാഷാവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ നേരിട്ട മേൽവിചാരം ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറിനാണ് ഭരമേല്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണനയങ്ങളിലുള്ള ചിലന്യൂനതകളെ നിയമസഭയുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനായിട്ടാണ് ഈ മോഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളത്.

നാട്ടുഭാഷാവിദ്യാലയങ്ങളുടെ മേധാവിയായ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറുടെ നിയമനാധികാരത്തിൽ ഒമ്പതു പേർ ഉള്ളതാണ്. ഇവരുടെ ആക്കമാറങ്ങൾ, അവധികൊടുക്കൽ ആദിയായ ജോലികൾ തന്നെ ആ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ സമയത്തിൽ പ്രധാനഭാഗത്തേയും അപഹരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഈ രാജ്യത്ത് ഒരുപ്രധാനഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിന്റെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു വലിയ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ ഒരവസരത്തിൽ എന്നോടു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ നിയമനാധികാരം സമയത്തെ അന്യായമായിക്കളയാൻ ഇടയാക്കുന്നു എന്നും ആ അധികാരം അദ്ദേഹത്തിൽനിന്ന് എടുത്തുകളയുന്നതായാൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഗവർൺമെൻറിനും കൂടുതൽ പ്രയോജനകരമായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുവക ജോലികൾ നടത്താൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നും ആയിരുന്നു. ഇങ്ങനെ അഭിപ്രായം പറയുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ഇന്നത്തെ പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവ്വീസിൽ അധികമുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. നാട്ടുഭാഷാപള്ളിക്കൂടം ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ സംഗതിയിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള നിയമനാധികാരത്തിൽ ഏതാനും ഭാഗത്തെ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാർക്കു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു ഡയറക്ടർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെടുകയും, ആ വിവരം ഗവർൺമെൻറിനു എഴുതിഅയക്കയുംചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഈ അഭിപ്രായത്തിനു വഴിപ്പെടാതെ ഈ ഒമ്പതു കീഴ്ജീവനക്കാരുടേയും നിയമനാധികാരം ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ തന്നിൽ തന്നെ ഇരിക്കണമെന്നും, തൻറെ മറ്റു ജോലികൾക്കു പുറമേ ഇതിലേക്കു ധാരാളം സമയ

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മുണ്ടെന്നും ഡയറക്ടറെയും ഗവർൺമെൻറിനെയും അറിയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇ,ന.ർ.വ കീഴ്ജീവനക്കാരുടെ നിയമനാധികാരം നടത്തുന്നതിനു ധാരാളം സമയമുണ്ടെന്നു സമ്മതിക്കുന്ന ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ നാട്ടുഭാഷാവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിൻറെ—വിശേഷിച്ചു പ്രാഥമികവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിൻറെ—വർദ്ധനയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടി വേലചെയ്യുന്നതു എങ്ങിനെയായിരിക്കുമെന്നു ധാരാളം അനുമാനിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ഈ പകുതികളിൽ ഇനിയും പ്രൈമറി പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളില്ല.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഫറൻവുലെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറൽ അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേഷൻ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ഫവ പകുതികളിൽ മാത്രമേ അംഗീകൃതമായ ഒരു വിദ്യാലയംപോലും ഇല്ലാതെയുള്ളുഎന്നും അതിൽ പത്തു പകുതികൾ പീരുമേട്ടിലും ദേവികുളത്തിലും രണ്ടു പകുതികൾ ചെങ്കോട്ടത്താലൂക്കിലുമാണെന്നും ബാക്കിയുള്ള താലൂക്കുകളിലെല്ലാം അംഗീകൃതവിദ്യാലയങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നും രേഖപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതു മെംബെർക്കു അറിവുണ്ടോ ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള വ്യത്യാസങ്ങൾ മറ്റു പലതിലും കണ്ടുവരുന്നതുപോലെ മാത്രമെ ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുള്ളൂ. ലെജിസ്ലേററീവു കൌൺസിലിൽ ചോദിച്ചു ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറിൽനിന്നു ഈ പകുതികളിൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുവക പ്രൈമറിസ്കൂളുകൾ ഇല്ലെന്നു കാണുന്നു. ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പ്രാഥമികവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെ പ്രചരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ജോലിയും അതിൻറെ പൂർണ്ണമായ അന്വേഷണവും അസിസ്ററൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരെ ഭരമേല്പിച്ചിട്ട് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ തൻറെ കീഴ്വരുതിയിലുള്ള ഇ,ന.ർ.വ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങളുടെ അക്കമാററംമുതലായ ജോലികളിൽ തൻറെ സമയത്തിൽ പ്രധാനഭാഗത്തെയും വിനിയോഗിച്ചു വരികയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നതു. ഇത് ഒരിക്കലും അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാൻ പാടുള്ളതല്ല. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറുടെ നിയമനാധികാരത്തിൽ ഫ ഇ ത്രുപാവരെയുള്ള നിയമനാധികാരം അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാക്കു വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരാണ് വാദ്ധ്യാന്മാരുടെ ജോലികളെ പരിശോധിക്കേണ്ട ആളുകൾ. അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു ശരിയായി ജോലിയെ ചെയ്യിക്കേണ്ടവരും അവരാണ്. അങ്ങിനെ പലേ പുമതലകളും വഹിക്കേണ്ടവരായ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാക്കു അവരിൽ ഫ ഇ ത്രുപാവരെ ശമ്പളമുള്ളവരുടെ നിയമനം, ശിക്ഷ, സ്ഥലംമാററം ഇവയ്ക്കുള്ള അധികാരം ഇല്ലാത്തപക്ഷം കായ്ക്ഷമതയോടു കൂടി ഭരണം നടത്താൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതല്ല. അ

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

സിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാർ എല്ലാവരും ഉൽകൃഷ്ടപരീക്ഷാവിജയികളും മിക്കവാറും എൽ. റ്റി. പരീക്ഷാവിജയികളുമാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാക്ക് ഈ അധികാരം കൊടുത്താൽ അവർ അതിനെ ദുർവ്വിനിയോഗിക്കുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കാൻ അവകാശമില്ലാത്തതാണു.

നാട്ടുഭാഷാപള്ളിക്കൂടം ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ നിയമനാധികാരം മുഴുവനും തന്റെ കൈയിൽ തന്നെയിരിക്കണമെന്നു ഡയറക്ടക്ക്, എഴുതിഅയക്കുന്നതിനും, അതിൽ പ്രത്യേകതാൽപര്യംകാണിക്കുന്നതിനും അദ്ദേഹത്തെ പ്രേരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതായ സംഗതികളെപറ്റിയാണ് ഇനി പര്യാലോചിക്കേണ്ടതു. തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ കൃഷ്ണൻവക എന്നൊരു ജാതിക്കാരുണ്ടു. അവരുടെ ഇടയിൽ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം വളരെ കുറവും ധനമില്ലായ്മസ്ഥിതി മോശവുമാണ്. ഈ വർഗ്ഗത്തിലുൾപ്പെട്ട ഒരു ചെറുപ്പക്കാരൻ സ്കൂൾലീവിംഗ് പരീക്ഷ ജയിച്ചതിൽപിന്നീടു പള്ളിക്കൂടം ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ ഒരു ജോലിക്കായി ഡെപ്യൂട്ടിഡയറക്ടർ മിസ്റ്റർ രാമസ്വാമി അയ്യരോടു അപേക്ഷിക്കയും, അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു ആക്ടിങ്ങ് ജോലികൊടുക്കയും ചെയ്തു. അയാൾ മൂന്നുവർഷം പലേ പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളിലും ആക്ടിംഗ ജോലിനോക്കീട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും അയാൾക്കു സ്ഥിരമായ ഒരു ജോലി കൊടുക്കാതെ പിന്നീടു പിരിച്ചയയ്ക്കുകയാണു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു. നിയമനഭയിൽവെച്ചു തനിക്കുള്ള ഒരുസ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറിൽനിന്നു മിസ്റ്റർ സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യശാസ്ത്രി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ആയതിൽ പിന്നീടു നാൽപതു പേരെ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതായി കാണുന്നു. അതിൽ ഒരാൾപോലും കൃഷ്ണൻവകയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടവരല്ല. മാതൃഭാഷ മലയാളമായിരിക്കയും, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിൽ താണപടിയിൽ നില്ക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്ന കൃഷ്ണൻവകയിലെ പരീക്ഷാവിജയിയായ ഒരുചെറുപ്പക്കാരൻ മൂന്നു വർഷം പകരം ജോലി നോക്കിയതിൽപിന്നീടു സ്ഥിരമായ ജോലികൊടുക്കാതെ അയാളെ പിരിച്ചു വിട്ടിട്ടു അതിൽ പിന്നീടു പരീക്ഷകൾ ജയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കും മാതൃഭാഷ മലയാളമല്ലാത്തവർക്കും ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾ കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നതു ന്യായമല്ലാത്തതാണു. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള നിയമനങ്ങൾക്കു വേണ്ടിട്ടാണു നിയമാധികാരം തന്നിൽത്തന്നെ സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ള നിർബന്ധമുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതു. മിസ്റ്റർ സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യശാസ്ത്രിയുടെ നിയമനങ്ങളിൽ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള പലേ അനീതികളും ഉണ്ടെന്നാണു ഞാൻ അറിയുന്നതു. ഈ ഗ്രൂപ്പുവരെയുള്ള നിയമനാധികാരം അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഇങ്ങനെ പ്രത്യക്ഷമായും അക്രമമായും ഉള്ള അനീതികൾ ഉണ്ടാകുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

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MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is very difficult to deal with Mr. Kumara Pillai's speech. I have understood, with the help of Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai, the main heads of his speech, which deals with the Inspector of Vernacular schools who has a very large jurisdiction and very large powers of appointment. As the amount of work is very large there are certain ways in which things are not going too satisfactorily. I can only say that with regard to appointments in English schools I have already made investigations. If I get the opportunity during this debate, when discussing the motions on Education, I should like to make a statement with regard to them. In regard to the Vernacular School department, I have not as a matter of fact been able to give the matter the same attention. But I promise that, if any matter is brought to my notice, I will certainly deal with it. Beyond that, I cannot say more at present.

MR. T K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. The Director of Public Instruction said that he was not able to follow Malayalam speeches. There is an arrangement by which the non-official members who do not know English are given the benefit of the translation of those speeches. Cannot such an arrangement be made so that the members who do not understand Malayalam may get the benefit of it? That is the general question I am raising.

PRESIDENT: He is having the benefit of Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai's interpretation which, I think, is as good as what Mr. Paramesvaran is getting

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Mr. Stephenson said that he understood only the main points. To make him understand the facts and figures and arguments in all their aspects impressed upon the Government, it may not be easy for Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai or anybody else who has got his own department to take care of. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: Unless the speech is translated sentence by sentence, all that is not possible. I think Mr. Stephenson has given us a correct *résumè* of Mr. Kumara Pillai's speech and therefore I think he has understood the gist of it all right. I do not think any other arrangement is necessary under the circumstances.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Two motions, No. 210 and 211, may be considered together, if you, Sir, have no objection. I would amalgamate both the motions, for the arguments in support of both the motions are the same.

PRESIDENT: It is now 5 o'clock. If the House wants to rise, I have no objection.

We will now rise and meet again at 11-30 to-morrow.

The Council adjourned at 5 P. M.

S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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